



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 390

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 237

Senate, April 1, 2009

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF LIGHT RAIL SERVICE IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation, in consultation with the Transportation Strategy Board
3 and within existing budgetary resources, shall analyze regions of the
4 state to determine which regions would be well served by light rail
5 service. Not later than July 1, 2010, said commissioner shall submit a
6 report on the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the
7 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
8 of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions
9 of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - One-time	Greater than \$1 million	None

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to analyze and report which regions in the state could benefit from light rail service. The cost in FY 10 is estimated to be in excess of \$1 million to hire consultants to perform the analysis and produce the report.

The requirement that the analysis and report be produced within available appropriations will likely result in one of four outcomes: (1) DOT will proceed with the analysis and report, and will require a deficiency appropriation during FY 10; (2) DOT will delay the implementation of the analysis and report pending the approval of additional appropriations to meet this mandate in future fiscal years; (3) DOT will shift administrative resources from other department priorities, thereby impacting existing departmental programs; or (4) DOT will not perform the analysis and publish the report.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

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Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/09/2009)